

T-386
Cottingham Farm Orchard Buildings
Goldsborough Neck Road
Easton Vicinity
Ca. 1929-1939
Private

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The Cottingham Farm Orchard Buildings represents an intact collection of agricultural buildings associated with the historically important development of "canning crops" as a major agricultural product in Talbot County. The property was inherited from Charles Goldsborough estate by his nieces and nephews Robert G. Henry, W. Laird Henry, Charlotte G. Henry, and Mary Y. Fletcher. This site is located on the boundary of two tracts known as "Cottingham Farm" and "New House." The Goldsborough heirs sold the property as part of a larger tract to J. McKinney Willis, Jr. in 1963. The larger tract was subdivided into smaller parcels and sold. The current property owner is unclear. The property was once associated with an orchard which has since vanished.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. T-386

1. Name of Property

historic Cottingham Farm Orchard Buildings

other New House Orchard Buildings

2. Location

(28 256 Goldsborough Neck Rd. - Premises Address)

street and number Goldsborough Neck Road N/A not for publication

city, town Easton X vicinity

county Talbot

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name unknown

street and number telephone

city, town state MD zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber folio

city, town Easton tax map 17 tax parcel 11 tax ID number 2101046039

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	buildings
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary Description

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The complex is located directly on Goldborough Neck Road and is arranged in a linear plan along the roadway. The property is surrounded by cultivated agricultural fields. The orchard is no longer extant and no traces remain.

Picker's Shed, ca. 1935

The main building of the complex is the picker's shed, built ca. 1935. The shed is a two-story timber frame structure with a poured concrete pier foundation. The building is six bays deep with a hayloft on the second level. The side gable roof is clad with corrugated standing-seam metal and has hay hoods on either end.

The principle building entry is located on the south side wall. The wall is clad with vertical wood boards. The original open bays have been enclosed with vertical wood board and steel core doors. There are no windows. A pent roof runs above the open bays.

The west façade is the gable end. The wall is clad with vertical wood boards. The hayloft door is constructed of wood planks with diagonal bracing. There are no windows.

The north façade is clad with vertical wood boards. Three wood plank sliding doors are located on the first level. There are no windows.

The interior of the picker's shed was not accessible at the time of the survey.

Storage Building, ca. 1940

The one-and-a-half story storage building is connected to the picker's shed on the east façade. The storage building rests on a brick pier foundation. The building is clad with vertical wood boards. The side gable roof is clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The interior is accessed via a hinged wood plank door located three-feet above ground level on the south façade. The loading dock has been removed from the south façade, but its outline remains.

The interior of the storage building was not accessible at the time of the survey.

Sheds (2), ca. 1935 and 1990

The shed, constructed ca. 1935, is a one-story masonry structure. The building rests on a poured concrete slab and is constructed of rusticated, rock-faced concrete masonry units. Plywood sheathing is used to infill the gable ends. The front-gable roof is clad with corrugated standing-seam metal. The building is entered through a hinged wood plank door on the south façade. One rectangular window opening, since boarded up, is located on each remaining façade. A poured concrete slab approximately three-feet by three-feet is located outside the entry door. The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

The remaining shed is of modern construction.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates 1920-1939

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates ca. 1935-1940

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary Statement of Significance

The Cottingham Farm Orchard Buildings represents the area of Agriculture between the years 1935 to 1940. This well preserved example of agricultural buildings is associated with the historically important orchard crops grown in Talbot County. This coincides with the development of "canning crops" as a major agricultural product during the Post-War Recession, the Great Depression, and the New Deal (1920-1939) agricultural period in Talbot County's history. The buildings on the property display the characteristics and building types associated with an orchard operation in Talbot County during this period.

Historical Background

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>341.80</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>341.80</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Easton, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1: 24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the surveyed property is marked as the boundary as described in the 1967 property deed. The existing parcel portion is concurrent with the historic setting, and includes the remains of the character-defining resources and setting which relate to the property's construction and evolution.

11. Form Prepared by

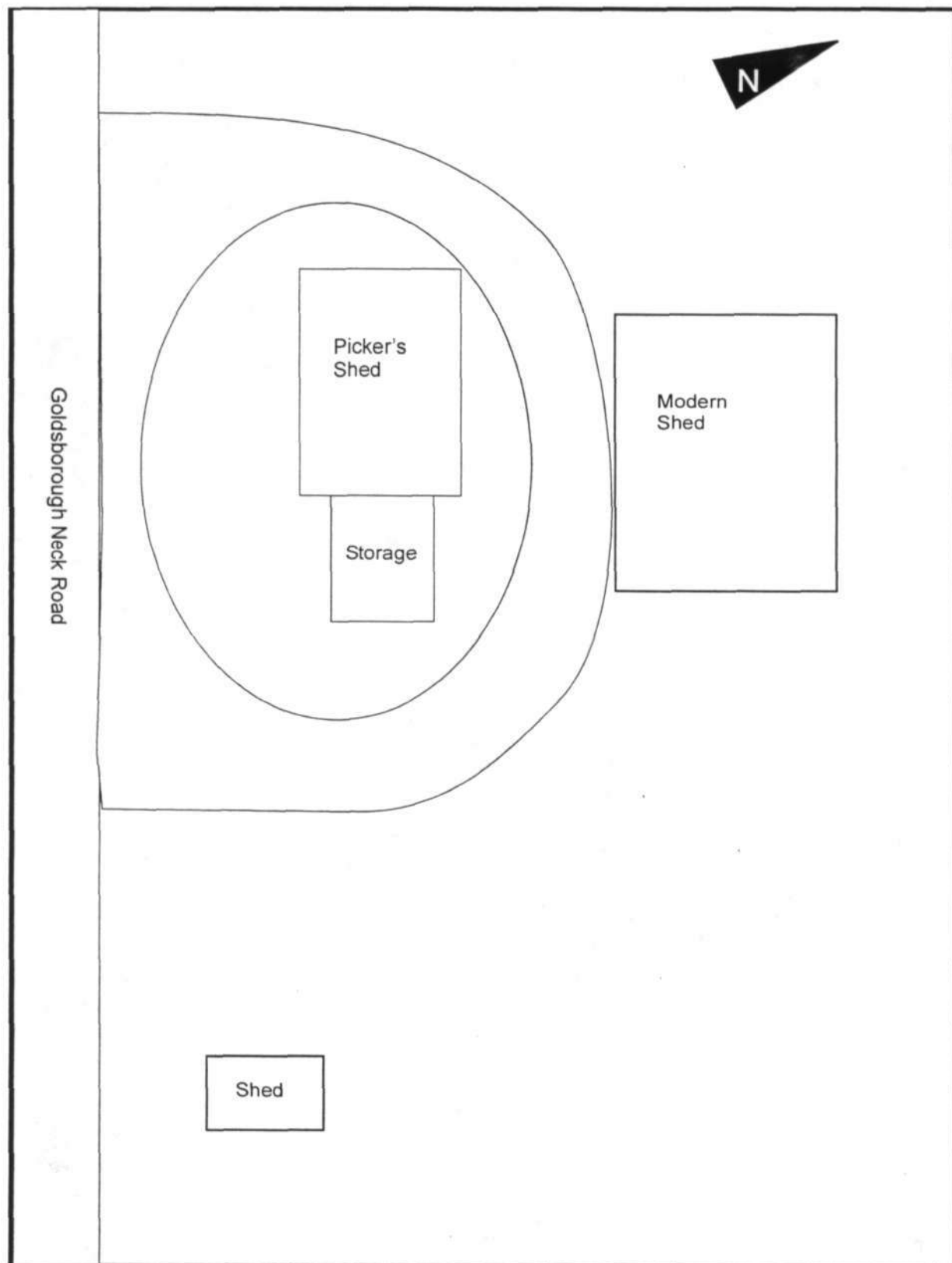
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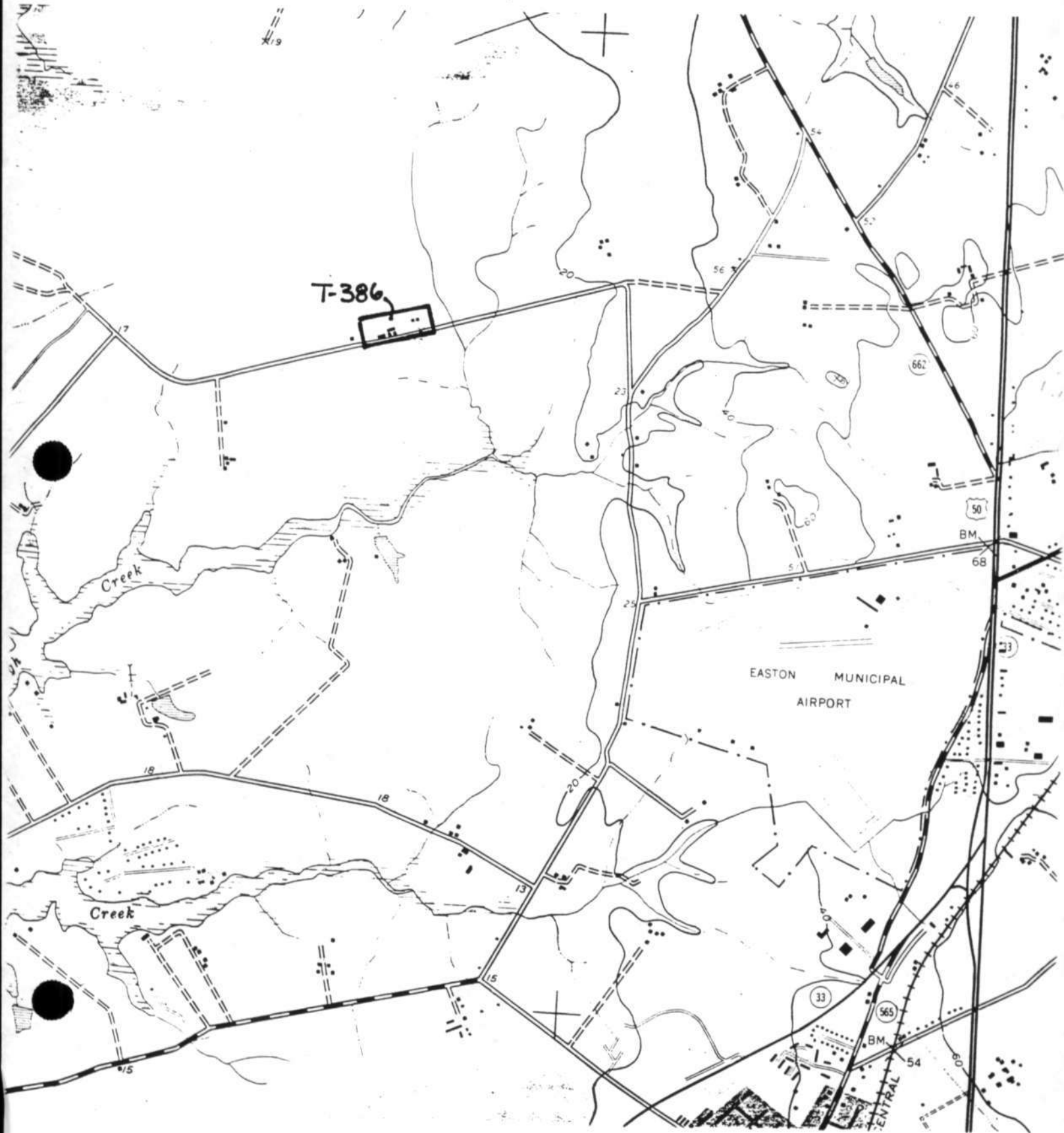
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Talbot County
Site Plan - 2003



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Cottingham Farm Orchard Buildings
Easton, MD USGS Quad (1: 24,000)





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Cottingham Farm

Talbot Co. MD

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MD SH10

Shed + Storage Bldg. Look NW (view
from road)

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Cott's ham Farm

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MD SHPO

Storage bldg + shed Look'g NE

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MD SHPO

Shed + storage bldg. Look NW $\frac{3}{4}$ View

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MD SHPO

Shed + storage Bldg $\frac{3}{4}$ VIEW SE

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Cottingham Farm

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Storage shed face concrete Look NW

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